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Reference: Coordination of Water Releases from Parker, Alamo and Painted Rock Dams

Dear Colonel Dornstauder and Mr. Johnson:


Arizona requests that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) coordinate their reservoir operations to maximize the use of the stored water in the Alamo and Painted Rock Reservoirs to meet water deliveries in the U.S. and Mexico. The State understands that flood control criteria govern the release of water from Alamo and Painted Rock Dams. However, at this time, the flood control space is large and the flood control releases can be coordinated with Reclamation's water delivery requirements without endangering downstream properties and communities. Any water that Reclamation can deliver from the flood surpluses will help conserve water on the Colorado River during the current drought. It is vitally important to Arizona communities that as much inflow to the Colorado River from the lower basin tributaries be used directly for beneficial use in place of the water stored in Lake Mead. Shortage on the Colorado River is a very real possibility and all prudent actions must be taken to conserve water at this time.

It is my understanding that in the past, the Corps and Reclamation have coordinated their operations for the benefit of all water users and protection of downstream property owners. In particular, Reclamation has been very responsive in the past few years. Reclamation has installed real time monitoring for water diversions and has improved management to reduce administrative waste of water. The Director of the

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Department of Water Resources, Mr. Herb Guenther, also reports that, in the past, the Corps has cooperated within the bounds of prudent risk management to conserve water. I thank-you for your efforts in this regard and urge both agencies to apply the same coordination and flexibility once again during this period of drought and low water supplies.

Yours very truly,



Janet Napolitano
Governor

cc: Alan Stephens, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
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